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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16, currently pending in the above-identified application, have been rejected. Claim 9 is objected to because of informalities cited by the examiner. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. In this amendment, claims 1, 9, 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim objections

Claim 9 is objected to because of informalities cited by the examiner. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate a correction recommended by the examiner in order to eliminate the informalities.

Specifically, claim 9 has been amended to recite, "The method according to claim 1, wherein said first wavelength range is a visible light range of wavelengths less than about 450 nm." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention, as recited in amended claim 9 is allowable over the objections cited by the examiner. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended in order to be allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended such that lines 5 - 9 now recite "at least one photoluminescent ("PL") material that is capable of being excited by a first radiation at a first wavelength range and is further capable of emitting a second radiation at a second wavelength range different from said first wavelength range in response to said first radiation".

Claim 16 has been amended such that lines 5 - 9 now recite, "at least two PL materials that are capable of being excited by a first radiation at a first wavelength range and are further capable of emitting at least a second radiation in a second wavelength range different from said first wavelength range in response to said first radiation."

As the amended claims make clear, the photoluminescent material's capability of being excited by the first radiation to emit a second radiation in accordance with the claim limitations

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represents a positive required limitation in the claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 1 and 16 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Moreover, each of the rejected dependent claims 2 – 15 depends from independent claim 1, which, as discussed above, the Applicants believe to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 – 15 are similarly allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph based on their dependency from claim 1. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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